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## COMPANY MEETING

# CARRERAS LTD.

### MR. EDWARD S. BARON'S REVIEW

The Thirty-eighth Annual General Meeting of Carreras Limited was held on 19 December at Arcadia Works, London. Mr. Edward S. Baron, the Chairman and Managing Director, presided.

The Chairman said: The year just concluded has, in spite of its tremendous difficulties, resulted in a fresh achievement and we again register a new record in net profit, the amount carried to the Appropriation Account being £2,131,608 as compared with £2,113,272 for the previous year. I would draw your attention to the fact that this figure is reached after providing for all charges, including all War Risks Insurances, Advertising, Depreciation of buildings, plant and machinery, A.R.P. expenditure, superannuation contributions and directors' fees.

With regard to the Appropriation Account, the item "Provision for Taxation" has, I am sure, forced itself upon your notice. It is a truly formidable sum, but the increase of roughly £500,000 is entirely due to the new method of presentation, whereby the amounts for dividends distributed and proposed are shown after deduction of Income Tax and the relative sums included in the taxation figure.

Fortunately, we are well equipped with reserves, wisely created in more expansive days, and after providing for the preference shares dividends and allocating a further £10,000 to our Female Staff Pensions Fund, we find ourselves able to propose a slightly larger final dividend, so that the total for the year will be 27½ per cent., at the same time increasing the "carry forward" by some £35,000.

You may wish me to say something concerning what has come to be known as the shortage of cigarettes and tobacco. My first comment is that I feel it is due to the Tobacco Controller to say that he, with his associates and advisory committees, have dealt with the many difficult problems of raw leaf, materials, manufacture and distribution in a manner which on the whole has commended itself to all fair-minded people. I think that the Tobacco Controller, the manufacturers, the distributors and others concerned have displayed considerable vision in the pooling of resources, and by collaboration in other ways in the national interest, while at the same time maintaining their individuality.

With regard to our export trade I have little to report. Restrictions are in operation, but we have made certain arrangements with our subsidiary and associated companies in the Dominions which to some extent offset their effect. The recent outbreak of hostilities in the Far East makes the position, of course, still more obscure.

## COMPANY MEETING

# IMPERIAL SMELTING CORPORATION LTD.

### SATISFACTORY RESULTS

The twelfth annual general meeting of the Imperial Smelting Corporation, Ltd., was held on 18 December at 95, Gresham Street, London, E.C.2.

The following statement by the Chairman (Mr. J. R. Govett) was circulated to the shareholders with the report and accounts:—

In view of the fact that I am not able to give you the usual detailed account of the corporation's activities, and for the convenience of shareholders who are unable to attend the meeting, it has been decided to circulate this statement with the report and accounts in place of the speech which, under normal conditions, I would have made at the annual meeting.

The annual meeting will therefore be of a formal nature only and confined to the passing of the report and accounts, and re-election of directors and auditors, but any shareholders who wish to be present will be welcome.

The corporation and its subsidiary and associated companies have been actively engaged during the period under review.

The profits available for distribution have been reduced not only by the charge for taxation (which includes Excess Profits Tax) shown in the accounts, but also by war damage contributions and premiums and debenture redemption, all of which is inadmissible in computing the group's liability for Excess Profits Tax and income tax. The charge for income tax would have been greater but for tax recovered and tax reserves built up in past years.

#### Dividend 4 Per Cent.

The dividend on the Ordinary shares recommended by the directors is 4 per cent., as against 3½ per cent. in the previous year, when, however, the accumulated arrears of Preference dividend were also paid off. After payment of this dividend there will be left a balance of £53,871 to be carried forward, as against £50,919, the amount brought forward from the previous year.

I would like to express our appreciation of the work of our joint managing directors, and for the way in which they have carried the many increased responsibilities that have arisen. To Mr. Stanley Robson, to Mr. Donald Orr, and to Mr. F. A. Crew, and to all their staff, I must extend our thanks for the work that has been done, often under the most difficult conditions.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

[*Although all reports on this page are published as advertisements, care is taken to ensure, in so far as is possible, that they are fair and accurate.*]

WAR SAVINGS CAMPAIGN

# For consideration by the board

*The question of investing profits allocated to reserve arises.*

Surely the strongest consideration is that they should be used to help win the war.

*Will shareholders approve of funds being invested in this way?*

Experience of companies which have put their funds into War Finance Securities is that shareholders heartily approve their action.

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1955-65

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# Announcements

**NOTE: Copies of all Orders referred to in the "Board of Trade Journal" can be purchased from H.M. Stationery Office, or through any bookseller.**

## BOARD OF TRADE APPOINTMENTS

The President of the Board of Trade has appointed Sir Thomas D. Barlow, K.B.E., to be Director-General of Civilian Clothing and a member of the Industrial and Export Council.

Sir Thomas Barlow is succeeded as Deputy Controller-General in the Control of Factory and Storage Premises by Mr. P. A. Warter, who is Controller of Storage Premises.

Mr. T. D. Morison, lately Deputy Controller of Factory Premises, succeeds Sir Thomas Barlow as Controller of Factory Premises.

## TRADING WITH THE ENEMY

ADDITIONS TO "BLACK LIST"

The Trading with the Enemy (Specified Persons) (Amendment) (No. 21) Order, 1941 (S. R. & O. 1941 No. 2016) made by the Board of Trade, came into force on 24 December. It contains 368 additions to the "Black List" of traders in neutral countries with whom it is unlawful to have dealings of any kind.

## GOODS FROM THE UNITED STATES

NOTICE TO IMPORTERS

British firms importing goods from the United States of America are hereby informed that in future no approach should be made by them or their agents to the British Purchasing Commission, or other British Missions, in the United States for the purpose of expediting the obtaining of goods either by the issue of a U.S. Export Licence or the grant of a U.S. priority.

Any communications on these matters should be addressed in the first instance to the appropriate Government Department in the United Kingdom. Thus, where the goods are needed in fulfilment of a Government contract, the approach should be made to the Department placing the contract. In other cases, communication should be made to the Department to which an application for an import licence for the goods in question has first to be addressed. Where the facts are in doubt, application should be made to the Import Licensing Department, 1–6 Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

## EXPORT LICENSING

### BOOKBINDERS' AND PRINTERS' MACHINERY

The Board of Trade announce that applications for licence to export the following goods should be sent to the Secretary, Printing Machinery and Allied Industries Export Group, Clifford's Inn, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4:—

Bookbinders' Machinery, the following:—

Binding, blocking, embossing, stitching, ruling, cutting, creasing, bevelling, gumming and glueing machinery.

Printers' Machinery, the following:—

Type-setting, type-casting, stereotyping and electrotyping machinery, photo-engraving machinery, printing presses.

### EXPORT OF GOODS (CONTROL) (No. 44) ORDER

METAL GOODS AND MACHINERY: COTTON GOODS AND CHEMICALS

Under the Export of Goods (Control) (No. 44) Order, 1941 (S. R. & O. 1941 No. 2014, price 1*d.*), which will come into force on 6 January 1942, export control is extended to cover further types of metal manufactures and machinery and certain additional cotton manufactures and chemicals.

Licences will, in future, be required to export the following classes of goods to all destinations:—

(i) Articles manufactured wholly or mainly of iron or steel:—
Wrought hollow-ware of a kind commonly used for domestic purposes.

(ii) Appliances, apparatus, accessories and requisites for sports, games, gymnastics or athletics, wholly or mainly of metal.

(iii) Fish hooks, fishing rods and fishing reels and cases therefor; wholly or mainly of metal.

(iv) Flints for mechanical lighters or for gas lighting appliances.

(v) Musical instruments and parts thereof, the following:—
Wood-wind and metal-wind instruments.
Barrel organs.
Mouth organs.
Organs, pipe, reed and electrical, including harmoniums.
Pianos, including pianolas.
Parts of the above, wholly or mainly of metal.
Piano actions.

(vi) Addressing machines.

(vii) Bookbinders' machinery, the following:—
Binding, blocking, embossing, stitching, ruling, cutting, creasing, bevelling, gumming and glueing machinery.

(viii) Printers' machinery, the following:—
Type-setting, type-casting, stereotyping and electrotyping machinery.
Photo-engraving machinery.
Printing presses.

(ix) Sewing machines and sewing machine heads, of the kind used for operating on or making up textile materials.

(x) Cables and ropes, wholly or mainly of cotton, and articles made wholly or mainly of these materials.

(xi) Cordage and twine (of *all* diameters) and articles made wholly or mainly of these materials.

(xii) Slide rules.

(xiii) Ethylene dichloride (dichlorethane).

(xiv) Thiourea.

(It should be noted that:—

(*a*) applications for licences to export items (ii), (iv), (v), (xii) and (xiii) will not, normally, be entertained;

(*b*) licences will only be issued for (v) and (xii) where applications are submitted by, or on behalf of, Dominion or Colonial Governments: and

(*c*) licences will not be issued for items (vi) to (ix) inclusive unless the I.S.D. reference number is quoted.)

Borax and boric acid, the exportation of which, without licence, was prohibited to all destinations may, in future, be exported without licence to destinations within the British Empire.

Wool noils and pyroxylin, the exportation of which was previously prohibited to certain destinations only will, in future, require licences for all destinations.

### EXPORT OF GOODS (CONTROL) (No. 45) ORDER

STOCKINGS AND SOCKS: RAMIE AND RUBBER MANUFACTURE: MACHINE TOOLS

Under the Export of Goods (Control) (No. 45) Order, 1941 (S. R. & O. 1941 No. 2020, price 1d.), which also will come into force on 6 January 1942, export control is extended to cover stockings and socks of cotton, artificial silk or cotton and artificial silk, and certain additional ramie and rubber manufactures. The Order also relaxes the control in respect of machine tools.

Licences will, in future, be required to export the following classes of goods to all destinations and *applications for licences will not, normally, be entertained*:—

Manufactures wholly or mainly of balata, gutta-percha and rubber, whether raw, compounded, scrap, waste, reclaimed, unvulcanised, hard vulcanised or soft vulcanised.

Repair outfits containing rubber tubing, repair sheeting or patches.

Solutions, cements and adhesives containing rubber, gutta-percha, balata or latex. (The export of certain of these manufactures is already controlled.)

Manufactures containing more than 5 per cent. of ramie. (The export of certain of these manufactures is already controlled.)

Stockings and socks, wholly or mainly of cotton, artificial silk, or cotton and artificial silk.

Machine tools, the exportation of which, without licence, was prohibited to all destinations, may, in future, be exported without licence to destinations within the British Empire.

## WOOL CONTROL

The Wool Control give notice that the arrangement announced in the Explanatory Memorandum of 23 October 1939, under which wools and tops have been sold to wool merchants, topmakers, etc., against then existing contracts, at the prices at which stocks had been taken over, will cease to operate on 30 April 1942.

**Announcements—*Continued.***

## COUPONS FOR IRON AND STEEL WORKERS

An award of supplementary clothing coupons to certain iron and steel workers was announced by the Board of Trade on 19 November. These coupons will be issued to employers for distribution to their workers, and individual workers must *not* apply for them except through their employers.

Employers in the iron and steel trade should get into touch with the nearest local office of the Ministry of Labour or National Service on 1 January or as soon afterwards as possible (in any case not later than 14 January), where full particulars on the method of distributing the supplementary coupons to the workers eligible for them will be available.

## RATIONED GOODS FOR ALLIED PRISONERS, INTERNEES AND REFUGEES ABROAD

The supply of rationed goods to Allied Governments, Red Cross Societies and charitable organisations for the benefit of Allied prisoners of war, internees and refugees in other countries, is the subject of special arrangements between the Allied Governments, the Foreign Office and the Board of Trade.

Traders' attention is drawn to the fact that coupons will be issued for supplies of this character only where the orders have been approved by the Board of Trade and that in these cases coupons will be issued to the officials or organisations by whom approved orders are to be placed, and not direct to the traders.

The usual procedure for the issue of quota-free coupons for export is not applicable to these transactions.

## LOST CLOTHING COUPONS

Applications for the replacement of lost Clothing (margarine) Coupons which formed part of the Third Edition Food Ration Book, or which had been taken out of such a Book, will not be considered if received by the Board of Trade after 31 December 1941.

The Clothing Cards normally obtainable at Post Offices in exchange for the Third Edition Food Books will, however, be issued to persons who have lost these Food Books if a properly completed declaration form is sent to the Board of Trade. The forms which applicants must complete are obtainable from Post Offices, Citizens' Advice Bureaux and W.V.S. Centres.

## TOY AND OTHER PRICES CONTROLLED

The Prices of Goods (Price Regulated Goods) Order, 1941 (S. R. & O. 1941 No. 2024, price 1d.), which came into force on 17 December, adds to the list of price regulated goods under the Prices of Goods Act, 1939, a number of articles including the following :—

Toys ; motor-cycles and parts ; cooking, heating and other appliances and apparatus for personal or domestic use ; boot polishes and floor polishes ; and trunks, ladies' handbags, suitcases and shopping baskets.

## MINES DEPARTMENT LEGAL PROCEEDINGS ORDER

The Secretary for Mines announces that he has made the Legal Proceedings (Mines Department) Order, 1941 (S. R. & O. 1941 No. 1999, price 1d.), by which Local Fuel Overseers in England and Wales are authorised to initiate legal proceedings in respect of alleged contraventions of the Fuel and Lighting Order, 1939 (S. R. & O. 1939 No. 1028, price 4d.), the Mines and Coal (Records and Information) Order, 1940 (S. R. & O. 1940 No. 1240, price 1d.), the Retail Coal Prices Order, 1941 (S. R. & O. 1941 No. 789, price 2d.), and the Fuel and Lighting (Coal) Order, 1941 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 20 December 1941, page 383).

## MINISTRY OF FOOD ORDERS

In continuation of the list given in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 20 December (page 385), the following Orders made by the Ministry of Food have been published as S. R. & O. 1941 :—

No. 1993. The Infestation Order, 1941. Dated 10 December 1941. (1d.).

No. 2005. The Sugar (Maximum Prices) Order, 1941. Dated 11 December 1941. (2d.).

No. 2006. Order, dated 11 December 1941, amending the Rabbits (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1941, and prescribing an Appointed Day for the purposes of Article 10 of that Order. (1d).

No. 2007. Order, dated 11 December 1941, amending the Poultry (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1941, and prescribing an Appointed Day for the purposes of Article 7 of that Order. (1d.).

**Announcements—*Continued.***

The fact that goods made of raw materials in short supply owing to war conditions are advertised in this Journal should not be taken as an indication that they are necessarily available for export.

## UNITED ARTISTS' EXHIBITION, 1942

The Royal Academy, in collaboration with twenty-six other Art Societies, has organised for January-March 1942 a second United Artists' Exhibition on the same lines as the first, which was held in January-March 1940. It consists of paintings, drawings, engravings, lithographs and sculpture, all of which will be for sale at prices fixed by the artists contributing the works. The surplus of the gate money, after payment of expenses, will be given to the Royal Academy to H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund ; and the artists have agreed to resign one half of the proceeds of sales of works, to be divided equally between the Red Cross and St. John Fund and the Artists' General Benevolent Institution.

All members of the twenty-seven Societies collaborating in the scheme have been invited to exhibit, and also a number of other artists not belonging to any society. The exhibition thus provides a very interesting review of the different styles and tendencies of contemporary British Art, and it is hoped that the intention of the contributing artists, and the efforts of the Executive Committee elected by the Societies, will be rewarded by an appreciative and generous response from the public.

# Trade and Industry

## BRITISH EMPIRE

### CANADA

#### PRINCIPAL IMPORTS IN SEPTEMBER

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, has recently issued statistics showing that imports (excluding gold) in September last were valued at 136,991,000 dollars as compared with 86,287,000 dollars in September 1940. The values of the chief commodities imported in the periods mentioned are shown in the following table :—

| Commodity | September 1941 | September 1940 |
|---|---|---|
| | Thou. | dols. |
| Fruits | 2,106 | 2,011 |
| Grains and products | 878 | 432 |
| Oils, vegetable | 735 | 627 |
| Sugar, chiefly for refining | 2,676 | 2,430 |
| Tea | 797 | 326 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 539 | 636 |
| Rubber, chiefly raw | 8,885 | 2,881 |
| Furs, chiefly raw | 718 | 335 |
| Hides, raw | 994 | 236 |
| Cotton, raw and linters | 2,269 | 799 |
| Cotton fabrics | 1,979 | 708 |
| Wool, raw | 1,109 | 442 |
| Worsteds and serges | 689 | 458 |
| Paper | 783 | 709 |
| Books and printed matter | 1,303 | 1,395 |
| Pigs, ingots, blooms and billets | 1,176 | 426 |
| Rolling mill products | 4,439 | 4,779 |
| Engines and boilers | 4,681 | 953 |
| Farm implements | 2,993 | 1,994 |
| Machinery, except agriculture | 11,127 | 5,724 |
| Tools | 823 | 373 |
| Vehicles | 6,045 | 6,907 |
| Electric apparatus | 2,189 | 1,741 |
| Clay and products | 1,389 | 853 |
| Coal | 7,129 | 4,642 |
| Coke | 581 | 626 |
| Glass and glassware | 875 | 781 |
| Petroleum products | 9,092 | 6,731 |
| Stone and products | 942 | 471 |
| Dyeing and tanning materials | 1,078 | 421 |
| Paints and varnishes | 645 | 468 |
| Vehicles, n.o.p. (except iron) | 3,772 | 716 |

## Trade and Industry—*Continued.*

### PRINCIPAL EXPORTS IN OCTOBER

According to a summary of Canadian exports (excluding gold) during October last, recently issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, the total value for the month under review was 138,129,000 dollars as compared with 102,972,000 dollars in October 1940. The values of the chief commodities were as under :—

| Commodity | October, 1941 | October, 1940 |
|---|---|---|
| | Thou. | dols. |
| Total domestic exports ... ... ... | 138,129 | 102,972 |
| Fruits ... ... ... ... ... | 782 | 719 |
| Vegetables ... ... ... ... ... | 627 | 269 |
| Wheat ... ... ... ... ... | 9,500 | 8,059 |
| Wheat flour ... ... ... ... | 1,811 | 2,588 |
| Alcoholic beverages ... ... ... | 1,854 | 1,119 |
| Rubber ... ... ... ... ... | 1,429 | 949 |
| Cattle (except for stock) ... ... ... | 1,900 | 1,064 |
| Fishery products ... ... ... ... | 3,959 | 2,915 |
| Leather, unmanufactured ... ... | 623 | 74 |
| Meats ... ... ... ... ... | 5,924 | 4,987 |
| Cheese ... ... ... ... ... | 1,865 | 2,172 |
| Eggs ... ... ... ... ... | 730 | 239 |
| Cotton ... ... ... ... ... | 1,586 | 853 |
| Planks and boards ... ... ... | 8,300 | 7,149 |
| Shingles, red cedar ... ... ... | 1,113 | 823 |
| Pulpwood ... ... ... ... ... | 1,707 | 1,080 |
| Wood pulp... ... ... ... ... | 8,092 | 5,379 |
| Paper, newsprint ... ... ... ... | 15,380 | 13,129 |
| Pigs, ingots, etc. ... ... ... ... | 1,601 | 1,233 |
| Farm implements ... ... ... ... | 801 | 780 |
| Machinery, other than farm ... ... | 919 | 1,436 |
| Automobiles and parts ... ... ... | 11,339 | 7,065 |
| Non-ferrous metals (excluding gold) ... | 19,518 | 15,937 |
| Stone ... ... ... ... ... | 1,315 | 967 |
| Fertilisers ... ... ... ... ... | 981 | 636 |
| Soda compounds ... ... ... ... | 971 | 587 |
| Electrical energy ... ... ... ... | 544 | 464 |

## UNITED KINGDOM

### CORN PRICES

**The following statement shows the average prices of British corn per cwt. of 112 Imperial† pounds as received from the Inspectors of Corn Returns in the week ended 20 December 1941 pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882, and the Corn Sales Act, 1921 :—**

| Period | Average Price for Cwt. | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Wheat | Barley | Oats |
| | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. |
| Week ended 20 December 1941 ... | 14 9 | 33 6 | 14 8 |

**† Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, as amended by Section 2 of the Corn Sales Act, 1921, provides that in the weekly summary of quantities and prices each sort of British corn shall be computed with reference to the hundredweight of one hundred and twelve Imperial standard pounds.**

## BRITISH INDIA

### WEATHER AND CROPS: WHOLESALE PRICES

The Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, reports as follows on the weather and crops in India for the weeks ended on the dates stated :—

#### Rainfall

Calcutta, 6 December. Heavy rain has fallen in the Carnatic and fair in the Deccan.

#### Crop Conditions and Outlook

Bihar, 8 December. There has been no rain. The condition of crops is fair. Winter paddy operations are in full swing.

Orissa, 8 December. There has been no rain. Saradh paddy is maturing, and sugarcane, wheat and linseed thriving.

Punjab, 8 December. The weather has been dry and rain is needed. The condition of crops is unchanged. The sugarcane and cotton crops have been damaged by sokra in Kasur and Tahsil, and some damage has been done to American cotton. Locusts have damaged crops in Lyallpur and Multan.

Central Provinces, 6 December. There has been no rain. The wheat and linseed crops are withering. Cotton picking is in full swing.

Bengal, 10 December. The district has been rainless. The condition of crops is favourable. Winter paddy operations continue, and the sowing of spring crops is advanced.

Assam, 15 December. The weather has been seasonable and crop prospects are fair.

#### Wholesale Price Index

Calcutta, 9 December. The wholesale price index for November issued by the Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics is 157 as compared with 151 for October.—*Trade Commissioner for India in London.*

## SOUTH AFRICA

### TRADE CONDITIONS

The General Managers of the Standard Bank of South Africa supply the following information on trade conditions in the Union of South Africa :—

General business reflects a seasonal increase in activity, and the latest reports confirm the earlier forecast that where supplies are readily available the volume of Christmas shopping should exceed that of last year. Following the introduction of price control regulations in October last fixing maximum prices for stocks on hand on 15 October at levels ruling on that date, it has now been announced that the prices for all commodities in stock on 15 October are frozen until 30 April 1942, and it is understood that the operation of these price regulations will be reviewed in March 1942. Secondary industrial activity is still handicapped by the shortage of labour and various raw materials, but Government requirements are being fulfilled and production for civilian demand is on the whole fairly well maintained.

The Transvaal gold output for November (25 working days) was 1,191,389 fine ounces with a value, including the premium, on the basis of £8 8s. a fine ounce, of £10,007,668, compared with 1,187,536 fine ounces, with a value, on the basis of £8 8s. a fine ounce, of £9,975,300 for November 1940 (26 working days). The average daily output compared with the previous month increased 1,885 fine ounces to 47,655, and the number of natives employed fell 4,341 to 358,156.

Railway earnings from 9 November to 6 December were £3,238,830 compared with £2,978,684 for the corresponding period last year.

Agricultural conditions show little change. Rain has now fallen in some parts of the Union but drought is still serious in other areas, especially in a number of districts in Cape Province and the Orange Free State. The maize market is steady but supplies are not readily available as drought conditions have induced producers to retain reserve stocks.

Wool appraisals at Union centres are making steady progress. At Port Elizabeth market receipts so far total 185,500 bales, and clearances 172,000 bales. Odd lots of the summer mohair clip have been sold on Bradford and American accounts. Unsold stocks are small. Hides are firm but sheepskins have turned slightly easier. Goatskins are meeting with keen competition, and quotations for Angoras show a fairly well marked improvement. Wattle bark is quiet apart from fair demand from India ; extract is unchanged. No change has taken place on the ostrich feather market. The production of sugar for the present season is estimated at 452,000 tons, which is slightly less than the October forecast. Apart from problems connected with the replacement of stocks, wholesale and retail trade in soft goods is satisfactory.

## FOREIGN

## ARGENTINA

### FOREIGN TRADE, JANUARY—SEPTEMBER

Imports into Argentina in September last amounted in "real" value to 153,519,000 paper pesos, which compares with 124,715,000 paper pesos in the preceding month and 111,838,000 paper pesos in September 1940. In volume, imports in September totalled 596,000 tons as against 496,000 tons the previous month and 542,000 tons in September 1940.

Exports in September amounted to 123,427,000 paper pesos as against 114,538,000 (revised figure) for the previous month and 61,273,000 paper pesos in September 1940. The quantities exported were 570,000 tons in September, 505,000 tons in August and 408,000 tons in September, 1940.

Total imports in the first nine months of 1941 amounted in "real" value to 894,598,000 paper pesos as against 1,202,811,000 paper pesos in January–September 1940, a reduction of 26 per cent. The tonnage imported fell from 6,300,000 tons to 4,748,000 tons, or by 24 per cent.

## Trade and Industry—*Continued.*

During the same period of this year exports totalled 1,094,823,000 paper pesos, which compares with a value of 1,178,302,000 paper pesos exported in the corresponding period of 1940, a reduction of 7 per cent. Tonnage exported declined by 41 per cent. from 8,089,000 last year to 4,783,000 this year.

The trade figures for the first nine months of the current year show a balance in favour of Argentina amounting to 200,225,000 paper pesos as against an unfavourable balance of 24,509,000 paper pesos in the corresponding period of 1940.—*Argentine Chamber of Commerce in Great Britain, London.*

### DISTRIBUTION OF TRADE, JANUARY—AUGUST

According to figures recently issued by the Argentina Chamber of Commerce in Great Britain, the "tariff value" of imports in the first eight months of 1941 was 504,711,877 paper pesos as compared with 774,604,774 paper pesos in the corresponding period of 1940, while the "real value" of exports totalled 969,211,713 paper pesos and 1,117,029,653 paper pesos respectively. The following table gives particulars of the distribution of the foreign trade of the country in the periods mentioned :—

| Country | Imports | | Exports | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Jan.-Aug. | | Jan.-Aug. | |
| | 1941 | 1940 | 1941 | 1940 |
| | Thou. pa (Tariff | per pesos value) | Thou. pa (Real | per pesos value) |
| United States ... ... | 138,974 | 232,693 | 346,804 | 151,542 |
| United Kingdon ... | 92,907 | 158,289 | 320,374 | 427,491 |
| Brazil ... ... ... | 65,294 | 45,358 | 55,758 | 53,258 |
| Peru ... ... ... | 31,254 | 26,094 | 7,925 | 10,860 |
| Dutch Possessions in Central America ... | 26,066 | 35,882 | — | — |
| India ... ... ... | 19,839 | 22,407 | — | — |
| Japan ... ... ... | 18,082 | 10,637 | 30,953 | 15,147 |
| Canada ... ... ... | 16,867 | 16,920 | 3,694 | 9,565 |
| British Possessions in Asia ... ... ... | 15,889 | 16,390 | — | — |
| Chile ... ... ... | 12,156 | 7,332 | 16,852 | 14,399 |
| Switzerland ... ... | 8,152 | 9,656 | 10,630 | 18,932 |
| Finland ... ... ... | 7,253 | 2,511 | 4,725 | 6,587 |
| Venezuela ... ... | 6,572 | 2,037 | 2,296 | 699 |
| Colombia ... ... | 6,870 | 13,705 | 5,759 | 1,659 |
| Newfoundland... ... | 4,531 | 3,146 | — | — |
| Uruguay ... ... | 4,016 | 4,004 | 18,294 | 18,427 |
| Spain ... ... ... | 2,507 | 3,303 | 44,478 | 51,419 |
| Bolivia ... ... | — | — | 13,892 | 10,506 |
| Soviet Union ... ... | — | — | 9,902 | — |
| Paraguay ... ... | 3,025 | 4,287 | 9,328 | 10,144 |

# Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes

## BRITISH EMPIRE

### TRINIDAD

#### IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

With reference to the notice under the above heading published in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 11 October 1941 (pages 227-229), the "Trinidad Royal Gazette" of 11 September 1941, contains a copy of a notice which cancels Items No. 450 and No. 451 and substitutes the following :—

| Item No. | Prohibited from all Sources |
|---|---|
| 450 | Men's and boys' suits, coats, vests (waistcoats), trousers— Suits, except those costing not more than $4.80 c.i.f. Other garments except those costing not more than $2.40 c.i.f. per piece. Children's rompers except those costing not more than $1.20 c.i.f. |
| 451 | Women's and girl's— Women's and girls' costumes and dresses except those costing not more than $8.40 c.i.f. Coats, skirts, blouses, mantles and cloaks except those costing not more than $2.40 c.i.f. Children's rompers except those costing not more than $1.20 c.i.f. each. Children's garments except those costing not more than $1.20 c.i.f. per piece. |

## Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes—*Continued.*

## FOREIGN

### ARGENTINA

#### CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN FOR EXPORTS OF CERTAIN PIECE-GOODS TO ARGENTINA

With reference to the notice under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 9 May 1940 (page 479) and to previous notices regarding the issue of "woven and finished" certificates in respect of (*a*) cotton and/or rayon piece-goods and (*b*) woollen and worsted tissues, exported from the United Kingdom to Argentina, H.M. Ambassador at Buenos Aires has reported that, in accordance with a Resolution issued by the Argentine Minister of Finance, the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce has been added to both lists of organisations authorised to issue such certificates.

### EGYPT

#### MARKING OF ORIGIN

With reference to the notice under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 25 October 1941 (page 257), an amending Order, dated 24 November, has been issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The new Order states that the marking requirement refers only to articles of hosiery and interlock made of cotton. The indication of their origin is to be shown in prominent characters at least 3 mm. high and is to be legibly written in the Arabic language on the material, on a paper label or on a band of material firmly attached.

### IRAN

#### EXPORT PROHIBITIONS

H.M. Commercial Secretary in Teheran has reported by telegraph that by a recent decree the export from Iran of all imported goods is prohibited.

# Statutory and Other Government Notices

## BANKRUPTCY APPOINTMENT

The Board of Trade have appointed Mr. Tom Pollitt, Official Receiver in Bankruptcy for the District of the Northampton, Bedford and Luton County Courts, to be also Official Receiver for the Bankruptcy District of the County Courts holden at Cambridge, Peterborough and Kings Lynn with effect from 8 December 1941, in the place of Mr. R. J. N. Clean, released for service with the Ministry of Food.

## PATENT AND DESIGNS ACTS, 1907 TO 1939

### PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 24

LICENCES OF RIGHT

The following Patents were endorsed "Licences of Right" on 19 December 1941 :—

| No. of Patent | Grantee | Subject Matter |
|---|---|---|
| 445730 | Stevens, F.A. | Joints of spectacle frames and method of producing the same. |
| 477903 } 497917 } | Atlas Powder Co. | Print roll compositions. |
| 488821 | Cherry, J. F. | Ties for shuttering. |
| 500460 | Mallinson and Eckersley Ltd, and anr. | Domestic trays. |
| 511521 | Mentmore Manufactur- Co. Ltd. | Stylographic pens. |

The Patent Office.

M. F. LINDLEY,
*Comptroller-General.*

## POSTAL SECTION

### SUSPENSION OF SERVICES TO THAILAND

The Postmaster-General announces the suspension of the postal, telegraph and money order services to Thailand (Siam).

## Statutory and Other Government Notices—*Contd.*

## CINEMATOGRAPH FILMS ACT, 1938

### FILMS REGISTERED IN THE WEEK ENDED 22 DECEMBER 1941

| Title of Film | Registered in the name of | Maker's name | Length (feet) | Registered No. | Date of registration |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | BRITISH | | | |
| Merseyside ... ... ... | Liberty Films Ltd. ... ... | Liberty Films Ltd. ... ... | 850 | BR/R. 4796 | 16 December |
| Tyneside ... ... ... | Ditto ... ... ... | Ditto ... ... ... | 1,550 | BR/R. 4797 | 16 December |
| Foundations Of The Earth ... | Ditto ... ... ... | Ian D. Struthers and Michael C. Chorlton. | 1,630 | BR/R. 4798 | 16 December |
| Play The Game ... ... | Columbia Pictures Corp. Ltd. ... | British Foundation Pictures Ltd. | 1,638 | BR/R. 4809 | 19 December |
| Ships Of The Sea ... ... | Ditto ... ... ... | B.S. Productions ... ... ... | 1,459 | BR/R. 4810 | 19 December |
| Naval Operations ... ... | N.S.S. Productions Ltd. ... ... | Shell Refining and Marketing Co. Ltd. | 799 | BR/E. 4826 | 19 December |
| | | FOREIGN | | | |
| Sundown ... ... ... | United Artists Corp. Ltd. ... | Walter Wanger Productions Inc... | 8,178 | F. 4799 | 16 December |
| Obliging Young Lady ... | R.K.O. Radio Pictures Ltd. ... | R.K.O. Radio Pictures Inc. ... | 7,177 | F. 4800 | 18 December |
| Weekend For Three ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 5,933 | F. 4801 | 18 December |
| Jungle Cavalcade ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Van Beuren Corp. ... ... | 6,600 | F. 4802 | 18 December |
| All That Money Can Buy | Ditto ... ... | William Dieterle Productions ... | 9,554 | F. 4803 | 18 December |
| Dumbo ... ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Walt Disney Productions Inc. ... | 5,752 | F. 4804 | 18 December |
| Early To Bed... ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 711 | F. 4805 | 18 December |
| Truant Officer Donald ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 708 | F. 4806 | 18 December |
| Canine Caddy... ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 679 | F. 4807 | 18 December |
| Orphan's Benefit ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 837 | F. 4808 | 18 December |
| The Masked Stranger ... | Columbia Pictures Corp. Ltd. ... | Columbia Pictures Corp. ... ... | 5,512 | F. 4811 | 19 December |
| All Square ... ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 5,430 | F. 4812 | 19 December |
| San Francisco, Metropolis of The West ... ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 938 | F. 4813 | 19 December |
| Kitty Gets The Bird... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 602 | F. 4814 | 19 December |
| Tee Up ... ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 933 | F. 4815 | 19 December |
| A Journey In Tunisia ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 962 | F. 4816 | 19 December |
| Ready, Willing But Unable... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 1,497 | F. 4817 | 19 December |
| There's Music In Your Hair | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 606 | F. 4818 | 19 December |
| Screen Snapshots No. 95 ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 833 | F. 4819 | 19 December |
| So You Think You Know Music No. 1 ... ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 1,007 | F. 4820 | 19 December |
| Capital Sidelights ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 966 | F. 4821 | 19 December |
| Black Eyes And Blue ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 1,486 | F. 4822 | 19 December |
| The Ring And The Belle ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 1,558 | F. 4823 | 19 December |
| It Happened To Crusoe ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 606 | F. 4824 | 19 December |
| Beautiful Ontario ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 842 | F. 4825 | 19 December |
| Strange Alibi ... ... ... | Warner Bros. Pictures Ltd. ... | Warner Bros. Pictures Inc. ... | 5,688 | F. 4827 | 19 December |
| Law Of The Tropics... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 6,811 | F. 4828 | 19 December |
| Dive Bomber... ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 11,866 | F. 4829 | 19 December |
| Lives in Peril... ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... ... | 958 | F. 4830 | 19 December |
| At The Stroke of Twelve ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... ... | 1,856 | F. 4831 | 19 December |
| Porky's Poor Fish ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 612 | F. 4832 | 19 December |

BR/E indicates "for the exhibitors' quota only."
BR/R indicates "for the exhibitors' and renters' quotas."
The registered title of the film "Elmer's Good Deed" (BR/R.4718) notification of which appeared in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 29 November 1941, has been altered to "Elmer's Good Turn."

## SUSPENSION OF AIR MAIL SERVICES *via* UNITED STATES

The Postmaster-General also announces that the air mail services by way of the United States of America and the trans-Pacific air service to Australasia, Burma, Ceylon, China, Netherlands East Indies, Hong-Kong, India, Malaya and the Far East generally (postage rates 3s. to 5s. per half-ounce) have been suspended. Air mail correspondence for the countries concerned, prepaid at the rate of 1s. 3d. per half-ounce (China 1s. 6d.) will be forwarded by the normal air mail route *via* South Africa.

## MAILS LOST BY ENEMY ACTION

The Postmaster-General regrets to announce that the undermentioned *surface* mails have been lost by enemy action :—

| From the United Kingdom | Districts and approximate Dates of Posting |
|---|---|
| Printed Papers and part of Parcel Mails for :— | |
| Malta ... ... ... ... ... | London and Provinces, 9 September—19 October |
| For the United Kingdom | |
| Letters and Printed Papers from :— | |
| Australia (Adelaide area) ... ... | 2–7 July. |
| Australia (Melbourne area) ... ... | 4–7 July. |
| Gold Coast Colony ... ... ... | 28 July—8 August. |
| Parcels from :— | |
| Australia (Adelaide area only) ... | 2–7 July. |

## PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

*Statistical Summary of the Bank of England*, November, 1941.
*Fortnightly Review of Business and Economic Conditions in South and Central America, Portugal, etc.*, Vol 6, No. 136, 13 December 1941. Published by the Bank of London and South America Ltd., 6, 7 & 8, Tokenhouse Yard, London, E.C.2.

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